Restriction on number of bulk drugs for price control

894. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "NDPDC Report will cause drug price hike" which appeared in the lndian Express' of llth September, 1985;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the reasons advanced to restrict the number of bulk drugs for price control as a measure of administrative convenience is not convincing;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the reason for the failure of achievement of the results of pricing policy is the non-set up of the field organisation; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not setting up the complete field organisation as provided in the drug policy and by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government, have not taken a decision on the recommendations of the National Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Development Council.

(c) No, Sir. '

(d) Does not arise.

Manufacture of Electric |Type-wnters

895. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPE-NDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary infrastructure like know-how machinery etc., exists in the country for the manufacture of electric type-writers;

(b) whether there is any machinery, required to be imported for such a factory; and

(c) the total capital required for setting up such a factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) In the large scale sector one unit M/s. Hindustan Teleprinters Limited, Madras (a) public sector unit un ler the administrative control of Ministry of Communication), has already established capacity for the manufacture 01 electric typewriters. Initially they started it_s manufacture without import of know-how. $Sinc_e$ the Company faced some technical difficulties, they sought foreign collaboration which was approve^ in July , 1981.

(b) and (c) The investmtnt and machinery, some of which is likely to be of imported origin, required for establishing a unit normally depends upon the size of the project, phased manufacturing programme, extent of purchase of components from ancillary units and availability ©f indigenous machinery at the time of setting up of the unit. However, in the case of Hindustan Teleprinters Limited, the capital cost of the project was envisaged as Rs. 272 lakhs.

Efforts to cut BPE to size

896. SHRl B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that efforts ar_e afoot to cut the BPE by elimination of professionals in order to maintain the grip of IAS On BPE and its utilisation for fringe benefits, trips aboard, conveyance and 5-star culture as reported in 'Economic Times' of the 28th October, 1985; and

(b) whether Government propose to look into the matter at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM); (a) and (b) A Group of Secretaries under the Chairmanship of th_e Cabinet Secretary had been constituted to review all plan and non-plan expenditure incurred